

REMARKS:

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Claims 1-64 and 66 remain as originally patented in U.S. Patent 5,463,852 without any amendment.

Claim 65 has been amended.

Claims 67, 68 and 69 are newly added.

Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with applicants' duty of candor. The IDS identifies materials that were not cited during prosecution of the original patent.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims contained in the reissue application as amended define patentably over all of the art of record, including that identified in the herewith submitted IDS.

Forwarding of formal Notice of Allowance of this application is respectfully requested. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reissue of Patent No. 5,463,852)
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ROTARY CUTTER BED)

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Sir:

STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR CHANGES TO CLAIMS
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.173(c)

Following is a statement of the status of the claims in the instant reissue application and support for changes made therein:

Claims 1-69 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-64 and 66 remain as originally patented in U.S. Patent 5,463,852 without any amendment.

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The following sets forth exemplary support for the claim changes, with reference to the column and line number from Patent 5,463,852 (support for all claim preambles may be found in the original claims and will not be repeated herein):

<i>Changes</i>	<i>Support</i>
Claim 65:	
<u>said cutter bed further including an elongated, transversely extending, generally flat, hollow gear case below the cutters;</u>	Fig. 4; col. 5, ll. 7-14; col. 1, ll. 55-66; col. 2, ll. 23-30
<u>a pair of transversely extending, oppositely rotating conditioning rolls disposed within and spanning said discharge opening above and behind the cutter bed for conditioning crop materials received from the cutters,</u>	Fig. 2; col. 6, ll. 15-19; from U.S. Patent 5,272,859 (incorporated by reference in 5,433,064 at col. 4, ll. 61-64): Figs. 2, 7 & 9, col. 4, ll. 34-44
<u>said series of cutters including a group of multiple pairs of intermediate cutters positioned in front of and aligned with said discharge opening with the first and last cutters of said group being located adjacent said opposite ends of the discharge opening,</u>	Fig. 2; col. 5, ll. 1-11; col. 7, ll. 59-64
<u>said means for driving the end cutters including gears within said gear case; and</u>	col. 1, ll. 55-63; col. 2, ll. 23-30
<u>a pair of upright, generally cylindrical impellers outboard of each of said opposite ends of the discharge opening,</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67
<u>each pair of said impellers being disposed higher than the cutters and rotatable in the same direction as one another such that front extremities thereof move generally inwardly toward the discharge opening.</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67; col. 14, ll. 3-7

Claim 67:	
<u>each said pair of impellers including an outer impeller and an inner impeller,</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67
<u>said outer impeller being rotatable on the same axis as the end cutter and said inner impeller being rotatable on the same axis as the next adjacent intermediate group cutter.</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67
Claim 68:	
<u>said front extremities of the outer and inner impellers being generally in transverse alignment with one another and generally parallel with a front edge of the cutter bar.</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 13, ll. 63-67; col. 14, ll. 1-28
Claim 69:	
<u>said impellers each comprising a cage having a series of upright members arranged in a circumferentially spaced pattern.</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67

The amendments to the claims are explained in further detail in the accompanying Reissue Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

Any fee which is due in connection with this Statement of Status and Support for claims should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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